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Also attached is a copy of the International Search Report dated November 2, 2001 from the corresponding Japanese Patent Application. All of the documents listed in Form PTO-1449 appear in the search report.

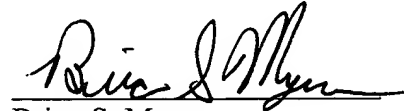
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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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